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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Expansion or Enhancement Grant—Enhancement

Program Area Affiliation—Drug Court

Congressional District and Congressperson—New York 21; Michael R. McNulty

Public Health Region—II

Purpose, Goals, and Objectives—The goal of the proposed project is to enhance current services dedicated to quickly identifying participants' needs; quickly connecting clients to substance-abuse treatment and ancillary services; providing ongoing, thorough progress reports; and providing intensive case management to support client treatment efforts and eliminate treatment barriers. The project also hopes to eliminate barriers to clients' visits with their children. Overall, the enhancements will help parents who are charged with neglect of their minor children to enter and complete substance abuse treatment and ancillary programs and overcome their addiction problems and other related problems. This in turn would improve the lives of participants and their minor children as well as create safe and permanent homes. (abstract)

Target Population—It is estimated that 80 percent of the clients will be women and the majority of families are recipients of temporary assistance benefits. The population will consist mostly of Caucasians (83 percent), African American (11 percent) and Latinos (3 percent). (page 13) Clients must be over 18 years old, with a pending child neglect petition or a violation of orders of supervision petition. (page 16)

Geographic Service Area—Clients residing in Albany County are eligible for participation. (page 16)

Drugs Addressed—Alcohol or other substance abuse. (page 16)

Theoretical Model—Clients accepted into treatment court will receive intensive case management (page 18), and behavior modification—positive reinforcement for good behavior (page 20).

Type of Applicant—State

SERVICE PROVIDER STRUCTURE

Service Organizational Structure—Albany County Family Treatment Court is a State-based organization. (abstract)

Service Providers—Albany County Family Treatment Court works closely with DCYF and Albany County Family Court Children's Center. (page 29)

Services Provided—Services provided include opportunities for judicial interactions, relapse intervention, transportation, and child care.

Service Setting—The existing Albany County Family Court will house the weekly Albany County Family Treatment Court. (page 31)

Number of Persons Served—The project anticipates working toward a goal of 50 participants by the end of the second year and 75 participant by the end of the third year. (page 19)

Desired Project Outputs—The desired project outputs include enhancement of current services dedicated to quickly identifying participants' needs; quickly connecting clients to substance-abuse treatment and ancillary services; providing ongoing, thorough progress reports; and providing intensive case management to support client treatment efforts and eliminate treatment barriers. The project also hopes to eliminate barriers to clients' visits with their children. Overall, the enhancements will help parents who are charged with neglect of their minor children to enter and complete substance abuse treatment and ancillary programs and overcome their addiction problems and other related problems. This in turn would improve the lives of participants and their minor children, as well as create safe and permanent homes. (abstract)

Consumer Involvement—There is a steering committee consisting of individuals who bring unique perspective to the treatment court process. The steering committee worked as a team to develop eligibility criteria for participants, goals and objectives, rewards, infractions and sanctions, phases, and the participation agreement and in creating several releases of information. (page 15)

EVALUATION

Strategy and Design—GPRA requirements will be collected at baseline and 6- and 12-month follow-up points. Outcome data will be obtained via interview based on the GPRA questions. In addition, a respondent satisfaction survey will be administered at follow-up. Respondents who do not speak English as their primary language will have court translators available for interviews. (page 25)

Evaluation Goals/Desired Results—Process evaluation questions are as follows: What are the client's statistics and trends? Were the needs of the children of the clients met and in what timeframe? What is the composition of the provider network and services provided? Did the clients meet the implementation benchmarks, and what actions were taken to improve the process? What are the respondents' descriptive statistics? (page 25)

Evaluation Questions and Variables—Evaluation questions will include the following: What are the AOD outcomes at 6 and 12 months? How did systems linkages affect the services delivered and used? What is the AOD treatment completion rate? What factors contributed to the success or failure of the clients? (page 27)

Instruments and Data Management—The primary outcome measures will be alcohol and drug use variables and assessment of the treatment plans at two follow-up points. (page 27)